iso-seismals in the area. It has established Micro-Earthquake (MEQ) Stations network in the third week of December, 2000, as part of aftershock study to monitor the seismic activity in the region. Macroseismic studies carried out in a area of over 10,000 square kilometer area revealed that iso-seismai pattern is elliptical with its trend in NNW-SSE direction. A significant lineament sympathetic with fundamental fracture *viz.,* Ottapalam-Kuttampuzha fault and Perumbavur-Muvathupuzha-Pala fault/lineament traverse the area. It is assessed that minor tectonic adjustment due to the release of stresses built-up along these lineaments lead to such low order seismicity in the region occasionally.

Enquiry Committee report on ash pond disaster of NALCO

3049. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technical Enquiry Committee has submitted its report regarding NALCO ash pond breach;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons for delay in submission of the Report; and

(d) by when the Report of Technical Enquiry Committee is likely to be placed before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKER PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee constituted by Government of India to enquire into breach of NALCO's ash pond has submitted its report.

(b) The Committee has concluded that the construction of embankment had been of good quality and the practice adopted for design, construction etc. for the raising of ash dykes have been methodical and professional. The Committee has recommended strengthening NALCO's system of continuous maintenance, inspection procedure of ash pond and Research and Development efforts to find long term solution for ash utilization and disposal.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Since this was a routine internal enquiry report, on which action has been taken, it is not proposed to be placed before Parliament.